Ex-Nazis Admit Giving Secrets To Soviet Russia

KARLSRUHE, Germany, July 9 (UPI)—Two former Nazis admitted today that for 10 years they gave Russia the names and descriptions of West German intelligence agents operating behind the Iron Curtain.

Accused double agents Heinz Felfe, 45, and Hans Clemens, 61, told the West German Supreme Court that they had spied for the Soviet Union while working for West Germany's Federal Intelligence Agency (FIA).

They said they supplied Russia from 1951 to 1961 with the real names, cover names and physical descriptions of West German agents working in Communist countries.

Felfe, accused ringleader of the Soviet spy ring that infiltrated the FIA, said he operated as a two-way agent while serving as assistant chief of FIA's counterespionage group. He admitted spying for Moscow while directing the work of West German agents operating in Red territory.

Felfe, Clemens and the third defendant—Cologne lawyer Erwin Tiebel, 60, alleged courier for the Russians—all said they received their espionage training while serving in the prewar and wartime Nazi security service.

They said they used password meetings at the 1958 Brussels World's Fair, at Vienna and the West Germany-to-West Berlin autobahn to deliver Western secrets to the Soviets.

After 1956, when FIA officials began to suspect Clemens, the three said they sent the secrets in canned baby food, in secret suitcase compartments and on special paper sent through the mails.

The prosecution said the alleged spy ring gave the Soviets about 15,000 photographs of FIA documents taken by miniature camera.

Felfe and Clemens said the Soviets paid them $45,000 for spying.

Judge Kurt Weber ordered the men to describe vaguely in open court the secrets they stole from Moscow. Details of the secrets were expected to be produced in a closed court session Wednesday.

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